

# **JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER**

Welcome to the June 2021 issue of the Huntington Anti-Bias Taskforce (HABTF) Newsletter. The HABTF is a non-partisan group formed by the Town of Huntington in conjunction with the Suffolk County Anti-Bias Task Force. It is made up of concerned clergy, community representatives and lay persons who work together to address the issue of intolerance, prejudice, discrimination and racism in any segment of our Town.

We've been meeting monthly since January 2019 and have accomplished quite a lot. <u>Upcoming meetings are 1 PM Wed Jun 23 and July 28 (4th Wed)</u>. Check out some of our projects below. For more info about HABTF, click <u>www.huntingtonny.gov/abtf</u>. For a list of resources, click Resource List.

If you have any comments or suggestions, e-mail Carmen Kasper, Director of Human Services, at <a href="mailto:ckasper@huntingtonny.gov">ckasper@huntingtonny.gov</a>



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## 2nd Precinct SCPD Report

By Inspector William Scrima

There were no significant bias-related incidents in Huntington during March and April.

For more information, please visit the department Website at <a href="https://www.suffolkpd.org">www.suffolkpd.org</a>.



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#### from PATCH Web site

SELDEN, NY Fri May 14 — Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone announced on Friday that Suffolk will introduce legislation aimed toward addressing and preventing acts of hate and violence motivated by antisemitism.



The legislation would adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA)'s working definition of antisemitism in the county in accordance with May being Jewish Heritage Month.

"Bigotry, violence, hate, antisemitism, racism has no place in Suffolk County," Bellone told reporters from the Center for Social Justice and Human Understanding on the Selden Suffolk County Community College campus. "The first step in combating hate is defining it."

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### Solidarity Panel to Stop AAPI Hate Crimes

from Suffolk County Asian-American Advisory Board

The alarming increase in hate crime attacks on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) must stop. AAPI communities across the country, in New York, and on Long



Island are calling for action in the wake of these attacks. Disturbing videos of recent attacks in Chinatown in Manhattan and in Flushing, Queens have reignited concerns about violence against Asian Americans. Many in these communities have said the situation has been worsening for months and believe many hate crimes – both verbal and physical—have gone unreported.

In response to this disturbing and dangerous trend, Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, Suffolk County Office of Minority Affairs and the Suffolk County Asian American Advisory Board hosted a Virtual Forum and Discussion on Solidarity. For more information, click the links to the flyer and video below.

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Huntington Township Housing Coalition

### by Roger Weaving Jr

The <u>Huntington Township Housing Coalition</u> is a group of Faith-based, civic, and business organizations that come together as volunteers to create an environment conducive to creating more affordable housing in the Township of Huntington, NY. We started over 20 years ago at the prompting of the Chamber of Commerce, who saw that a lack of affordable housing was affecting the ability of the businesses in town to hire good people competitively.

Education about the issues surrounding affordable housing is one of our primary missions. We recently published our <u>Huntington Housing Horizons 2030</u> report which looks at the town's Horizons 2020 master plan and examines what progress has been made since it was written in 2008. We educate the public, by conducting panel discussions and talks. We are available to come to any group to explain current issues. As a 501(c3) organization we do not endorse candidates, but we do offer to educate the town board and town board candidates about the need for affordable housing.

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